

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the Claims as follows. This listing of the Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of Claims in the application:

1-9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously Presented) A refrigerator comprising:
an inner space enclosed by a heat-insulating housing;
at least one compartment for accommodating articles to be cooled and
being disposed within the inner space and having a curved edge; and
a strip disposed on a top of the curved edge and including a plastic core
and a metal jacket holding the plastic core in a curved configuration.

11. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 10, wherein the
top of the curved edge is a bead,
the strip has a groove conforming to [[a]] the bead, and
the groove receives the bead into which the edge of the compartment for
accommodating articles to be cooled is inserted.

12. (Currently Amended) The refrigerator according to claim 11, wherein the
depth direction of the groove is aligned transversely to the radius of curvature of the
~~decorative~~ strip.

13. (Previously Presented) The refrigerator according to claim 11, wherein the width of the groove increases, at least at certain points, from an inlet region of the groove to its bottom.

14. (Previously Presented) The refrigerator according to claim 11, wherein the jacket has a material thickness between about 0.1 to 0.3 mm.

15. (Previously Presented) The refrigerator according to claim 14, wherein the jacket has a material thickness of about 0.2 mm.

16. (Previously Presented) The refrigerator according to claim 11, wherein the plastic core and the metal jacket are co-extruded.

17. (Previously Presented) The refrigerator according to claim 11, wherein the compartment for accommodating articles to be cooled includes a door compartment.

18. (Withdrawn – Currently Amended) A method for manufacturing a curved decorative strip for a refrigerator having an inner space enclosed by a heat-insulating housing and at least one compartment for accommodating articles to be cooled and being disposed within the inner space and having a curved edge, and the strip being ~~placed~~ disposed on a top of the curved edge and including a plastic core and a metal jacket holding the plastic core in a curved configuration, the method comprising the acts of:

providing a straight decorative strip with a plastic core and a metal jacket surrounding the plastic core;

bending the straight decorative strip to a desired radius of curvature to form the curved decorative strip; and

cutting the decorative strip to a desired length.

19. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The method according to claim [[17]] 18, wherein the act of providing the straight decorative strip includes manufacturing the strip by co-extrusion of the plastic core and the jacket.

20. (Currently Amended) A refrigerator comprising:
an inner space enclosed by a heat-insulating housing;
at least one compartment for accommodating articles to be cooled and being disposed within the inner space and having a curved edge; and
a strip disposed on a top of the curved edge and including a plastic core and a metal jacket holding the plastic core [[in]] on the curved edge, wherein the strip has a groove into which the edge of the compartment for accommodating articles to be cooled is inserted.

21. (New) The refrigerator according to claim 20, wherein the plastic core is an elastic material that is held in the curved configuration by the metal jacket.

22. (New) The refrigerator according to claim 11, wherein the plastic core is an elastic material that is held in the curved configuration by the metal jacket.

23. (New) The refrigerator according to claim 11, wherein the plastic core is held on the bead by the metal jacket.

24. (New) The refrigerator according to claim 10, wherein the plastic core is an elastic material that is held in the curved configuration by the metal jacket.

25. (Withdrawn-New) The method according to claim 19, wherein the plastic core is an elastic material that is held in the curved configuration by the metal jacket.

26. (Withdrawn-New) The method according to claim 18, wherein the plastic core is an elastic material that is held in the curved configuration by the metal jacket.